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Re: Microsoft Case

Dear Ms. Hesse:

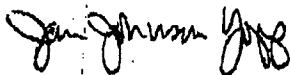
I am writing in support of the proposed settlement in the U.S. v. Microsoft case. As a college professor and a parent, I know the importance of having software that is easy to use, integrated, affordable and reliable. Microsoft has a reputation for developing products that are easy for consumers and students to use.

As an educator, I know how important it is to encourage new ideas and innovation. The proposed settlement agreement in the U.S. v. Microsoft case will allow the company to continue its leadership as an innovative designer of software products. At the same time it will provide remedies for Microsoft competitors who will have access to information about technical specifications about the Windows operating system. Competitors will also be able to ship software that competes with software in the Windows operating system and not fear any legal action from Microsoft.

Settlement of this case would be an important step in encouraging technology companies to get back to the business of developing innovative software products. A strong technology industry could provide a much-needed boost to the overall economy and in turn a good job market for my students.

Best wishes as you deal with this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jan Johnson Yopp